

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 7-20-25  
Christianity 103 – Message 2 Part 6  
The people respond to the Apostles and the Spirit's leading.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Throughout your time at church - in Life Group, discipleship, personal Bible study, and your walk, you should be narrowing the gap between what you KNOW as a Christian and what you DO.
- 2) We are looking to discover what it means to "BE" the Church.
- 3) They persevered to the point of devotion in the "apostle's doctrine."
- 4) They persevered to the point of devotion in "fellowship."
  - a) Partnership to the point of Participation.
  - b) Relationship to the point of Caring.
  - c) Communication to the point of Knowing.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) As a believer, does learning truth ever really stop?
- 2) The Book of Acts helps you to see the Purpose and Mission of the Church.
  - a) Our Vision – To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.
  - b) Our Mission – Reaching to teach, Teaching for change, Changing to be like Christ.

2. Breaking of bread. Acts 2:42

a. In fellowship together, they also remembered the Lord's death.

- 1) They continued stedfastly in "breaking of bread."
  - a) This is likely referring to two things.

b. What did Jesus pass on to the Apostles?

- 1) Go back to the upper room.
- 2) Jesus takes the bread. - Luke 22:19 –
  - a) Remember His body which He gave on the cross for their sins. His perfect sacrifice.
- 3) Jesus takes the cup. Luke 22:20 –
  - a) Remember His blood that was shed for their sin.

3. Prayer. Acts 2:42

a. They continued stedfastly in "prayers".

b. Does God really hear you when you pray?

- 1) What do you think?
  - a) How would you know? Does it hinge on answered prayer only?
  - b) Maybe there is another way to look at the answered prayer.
- 2) How do you know that God hears you when you pray?
  - a) Is it simply something that we believe by faith?
- 3) If God wasn't planning to listen to us pray, then why would God command us to pray?
  - a) I Thessalonians 5:17 –
  - b) Hebrews 4:16 –
- 4) Maybe we need to ask a different question.

c. Why would God not hear your prayer?

1) Psalm 66:18 –

- a) "If I had seen iniquity in my heart" – if I had been aware of my sin and yet did nothing about it.

2) Psalm 145:18 –

- a) "nigh" or near means that God is attentive and ready to respond.

- b) “truth” – speaks of sincerity.
- 3) Psalm 34:15-17 –
  - a) “righteous” – the Lord hears and delivers.
- 4) Psalm 55:17 –
  - a) This writer is under intense pressure from a difficult circumstance he is walking through.
- 5) Have you given up on praying?
  - a) My personal story. Maybe you have one as well.
- 4. How this played out in their life. Acts 2:42
  - a. Here is what I imagine began happening.
    - 1) Praying together –
    - 2) Praying alone –
    - 3) Praying in response –
- 5. Today’s Take Away:
  - a. Here are some more STEPS to consider taking.